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Election of Claims

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 3, 2003, Applicants elect to prosecute Group I (claim 14, drawn to piperidinylpyrrolidinyl compounds and claims 1-13, 15-21, 26-28, 30-39 wherein R1 and R2 form a piperidinyl ring) in the present application with traverse.

Applicants note that claims 25 and 29 were not placed into any of the four groups defined by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner indicate which Groups claims 25 and 29 belong to in the next communication.

No amendment of inventorship is necessitated by this election.

Early allowance of the claims is requested. Should the Examiner believe that a conference with Applicants' attorney would advance prosecution of this application, she is respectfully invited to call Applicants' attorney at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 26, 2003

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